



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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**TO:** Interested Persons

**FROM:** LB Nye, Unit Chief  
TMDLs and Standards

**DATE:** September 8, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Notice of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting for a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Metals and Toxics in the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors Watershed

Please take notice that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will hold a CEQA Scoping Meeting pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21083.9 to receive comments on the appropriate scope and content of the substitute environmental documents supporting a Basin Plan amendment that would establish a TMDL for metals and toxic pollutants in the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors Watershed. The substitute environmental documents will be prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, and the State Water Resources Control Board's regulations related to its Certified Regulatory Program. (See 23 Cal. Code Regs. §3775 et seq.) The substitute environmental documents are intended to serve as planning level (Tier 1) environmental documents, consistent with Public Resources Code section 21159.

In preparing comments, commenters should anticipate that this project will include a proposed TMDLs for metals and toxic pollutants that will assigns waste load allocations to point sources including public owned treatment works and storm water permittees; and assigns load allocations to non-point sources. The latest information regarding the development of the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors metals and toxics TMDLs is posted on our website:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/meetings/tmdl/tmdl\\_ws\\_dominguez.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/meetings/tmdl/tmdl_ws_dominguez.html).

Regional Board staff is in the early TMDL develop stage, but will consider any reasonable comments that may be appropriate to avoid or mitigate significant or potentially significant adverse environmental effects as a results of TMDL implementation measures. The Regional Board has adopted, and USEPA approved, several other TMDLs for metals and toxics. Compliance measures for the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors metals

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and toxics TMDLs may be similar to the San Gabriel River metals TMDL, the Calleguas Creek metals TMDL, the Marina del Rey Harbor toxics TMDL, and the Ballona Creek Estuary toxic pollutants TMDL, which can be found at our website <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/html/bpaRes/bpa.html>.

Interested persons are specifically requested to provide information about:

- How they or responsible jurisdictions would foreseeably comply with the metals and toxics TMDL;
- The reasonably foreseeable significant environmental impacts associated with those means of compliance;
- Specific evidence supporting that such impacts are reasonably foreseeable, and describing the magnitude (how significant) of the impacts;
- Reasonable alternative means of compliance that would have less significant adverse environmental impacts;
- Reasonable mitigation measures that would minimize any unavoidable significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the means of compliance. (See Public Resources Code section 21159.)

**The Scoping Meeting will be held:**

DATE: Thursday, September 21, 2006  
TIME: 1:30 P.M.  
LOCATION: Regional Water Quality Control Board  
320 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Seventh Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Please contact Rebecca E. Christmann at (213) 576-6757 or LB Nye at (213) 576-6785 if you have any questions about this matter. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

cc: Michael Levy, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

